

Mayor's Message: Building a Better El Mirage

The City is building a better El Mirage one road at a time. Construction improvements on several City streets clearly demonstrate our commitment to improving infrastructure on El Mirage Road, Thompson Ranch Road, and Thunderbird Road.



El Mirage Road today

El Mirage Road: Peoria Avenue to Grand Avenue Completion: Fall, 2017

El Mirage Road will include additional lanes south of Peoria Avenue. Roadway enhancements will showcase bike lanes from Olive Avenue to Grand Avenue, transit style lighting, along with pedestrian friendly accessories complimented by landscaping



Thunderbird Road today

Thompson Ranch Road & Thunderbird Road Completion: Summer, 2017

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will reconfigure the intersection at Grand Avenue, which will improve the flow of traffic throughout the City. El Mirage's thematic enhancements will extend to Thunderbird Road. The new



Future intersection of El Mirage and Thunderbird Roads

will beautify the corridor between Northern Avenue and Grand Avenue.

Sunland Asphalt was awarded a contract to reconstruct El Mirage Road from Peoria Avenue to Grand Avenue. Safety precautions associated with utility line relocation resulted in unanticipated delays. City staff, contractors and utility companies are working together to ensure proper installation and timely completion.



Future Thunderbird Road

juncture will include frontage road beautification and synchronized traffic signals.

Visit the City of El Mirage's interactive website to view the traffic simulation video and subscribe to receive updated traffic restriction notifications at www.cityofelmirage.org/ConstructionUpdate.



Thunderbird Road today

Thunderbird Road: 127th Avenue to El Frio Street, Completion: Fall, 2017

Sunland Asphalt was awarded the contract to reconstruct Thunderbird Road from 127th Avenue to El Frio Street. This project will provide bike lanes, 12-foot wide sidewalks, transit style street lighting, onstreet parking, landscaping, and other improvements. Sidewalks will include ADA compliant ramps and driveways along with benches and shade trees to provide nodes of relief during severe weather.

A high intensity activated crosswalk (HAWK) pedestrian crossing beacon will promote walkability and pedestrian safety. Multimodal improvements will be emphasized by colorful green bike lanes and two new bus pull-outs.



Water line replacement on El Mirage Road
Water Line Replacement: El Mirage Road

between Thunderbird Road and Santa Fe Lane Completion: Spring, 2016

The City of El Mirage was awarded \$579,827 from the Community Development Block Grant program to replace the existing waterline that runs along El Mirage Road from Thunderbird Road north to Santa Fe Lane. Axiom Contracting was selected to construct the new 16-inch line, replace existing fire hydrants, and install additional fire hydrants. When completed, this project will provide new water infrastructure and improve residential supply and enhance firefighting capabilities.

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Back row from left to right: Councilmember Roy Delegado, Police Chief Terry McDonald, Lorena Sanchez, Irene Vazquez, Perla Miranda, Angelica Avila, Organizer for Valley Interfaith Project Carliene Quist, and Councilmember Bob Jones. Front row from left to right: Assistant Police Chief Laura Liuzzo, Mayor Lana Mook, and Councilmember David Shapera

Last month, Mayor and Council, El Mirage Elementary School parents, Valley Interfaith Project, and the El Mirage Police Department celebrated the installation of the new school zone

speed sign near El Mirage Elementary School.

The parents, Valley Interfaith, and the Police Department worked together to make this school zone safety improvement a reality.

New City Hall for El Mirage



Rendering of El Mirage City Hall

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Questions like these can be answered with no extra fee. We respond to our clients when questions arise, even years after the documents are prepared.

CUP March 5th Clean-Up Event

CUP will be hosting its Spring Clean-Up day on - Saturday, March 5, 2016. The Community Uplift Program or CUP exists to assist citizens



of El Mirage who need help due to age, disability or financial limitations, with maintaining their properties. CUP volunteers will trim trees, remove dead plants, pull weeds and do painting when donations are available.

The work is done completely by

volunteers, neighbors helping neighbors, along with material donations from local area businesses. CUP is still in need of volunteers for the

March 5, 2016 clean-up event.

For more information, or to become a volunteer for the event contact Mary Dickson at 623-251-3508 or via email at mdickson@cityofelmirage.org, or Councilman Selby at 623-876-2928 or via email at lselby@cityofelmirage.org.

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El Mirage News

El Mirage **Construction Update**



The revitalization and rehabilitation of the City's infrastructure is well underway. The reconstruction of El Mirage Road from Cactus Road to Santa Fe Lane and Thunderbird Road from 127th Avenue to El Frio Street will be completed by Sunland Asphalt with an estimated date of completion to be around the middle of next year. Enhancements to these roads will include new bike lanes, landscaping, wide sidewalks, and decorative lighting. This project will have a major impact on traffic flow Citywide; every effort will be made to ensure accessibility to businesses within the construction zones.

Construction is progressing on El Mirage

Road between Gateway Park and Cactus Road. Unanticipated delays were experienced regarding the relocation of utility lines. Typically each utility company will move their lines prior to the project commencement date; however with utility lines and construction being completed in tandem this will allow the project to be completed way ahead of schedule; by the end of this year. Cox, Century Link, and APS are installing new lines with minimal disruption to their customers.

The City waterline project is expected to be completed within the next couple of months. Working with older waterlines offers a unique set of challenges; these lines are brittle and over time valves

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Proactive efforts to improve old waterlines caused temporary water shut downs, which were quickly and efficiently restored by the diligent efforts of City staff. New requirements for utility work will help identify waterlines and assist with preventing future breaks. Once the underground infrastructure has been completed additional road reconstruction will enhance the project area and provide a better El Mirage Road.





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News from the El Mirage Police Department

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MIRAGE PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

Public Safety Officers from the City of El Mirage's Police and Fire Departments participated in Public Safety Day at Gateway Park on Saturday, January 20, 2016. Police Department representatives from Patrol, Code Enforcement, and the Victim Assistance Unit showcased equipment, vehicles and provided valuable informational resources to residents.

fingerprinting and educated family members about the importance of having up-to-date identification. McGruff the Crime Dog made an appearance and continues to be the face of safety.

The Fire Department's ladder truck presentation and air ambulance landing demonstration were inspirational

The El Mirage Police Explorer Post conducted child events and highlighted the significant role that public safety plays in saving lives. The event included demonstrations by Regional Law Enforcement K9 Officers including El Mirage's Police K9 Koki. Both departments would like to extend a big "Thank You" to law enforcement partners that participated in the

El Mirage Officers at Public Safety Day



From right to left: Glendale Officer Chambers, El Mirage Officers Chairez and Karner, El Mirage Sgt Witte, El Mirage Lt. Stewart, El Mirage Sgt Cammarata, El Mirage Officer Vanorski

Osborn Eagles promote VAU at Public Safety Day



The Osborn Eagles #2843, longtime supporter of the Department's Victim Assistance Unit, joined VAU's efforts at this year's Public Safety Day. Together, they connected with children of all ages to promote safety in the community.

El Mirage Police Department - Property and Evidence Division UNCLAIMED PROPERTY - NOTICE TO CLAIM PROPERTY

CASE #	DESCRIPTION	NAME
E15070285	Cell Phone	Osorio, Marcos
E15110499	Wallet	Grimes, Benson
E16010228	Clothing	Cabrera, Jesus
E16010456	Jewelry	Unknown
E16010565	Clothing	McLendon, Tyler
E16010827	Bicycle	Unknown
E16010997	Clothing	Valdez, Jose
E16011043	Backpack	Crocket, Jacob
E16011184	Speaker	Rosa, Linda
E16011347	AZ ID Card	Williams III, Jacob
E16011389	ID Card	Augusto, Carlos
E16011530	Bicycle	Unknown
E16012151	Jewelry	Maldonado, Albert
E16012443	Set of Keys	Unknown
E16012457	Misc. Cassette Tapes	Unknown
E16012467	AZ ID Card	Rogers, Johnny
E16020070	Jewelry	Unknown
E16020395	Backpack	McLendon, Tyler

Photo ID is required. Call 623-500-3038 for an appointment to claim your property. Property not claimed by 04/01/16 will be disposed of in accordance with the law.



Mobile Enforcement for March 2016

Date	Van 1	Van 2	Trailer
1	12700 W Canterbury n/b C002	13000 N Dysart Rd n/b D024	10300 N El Mirage Rd S/B E040
2	12900 N Dysart Rd n/b D023	127th Ave @ Sunnyside s/b X007	10300 N El Mirage Rd S/B E040
3	Acoma @ 124 Ave n/b A003	13700 W 127 Ave n/b X003	10300 N El Mirage Rd S/B E040
4	12200 N Dysart Rd n/b D017	13000 N Dysart Rd s/b D025	10300 N El Mirage Rd S/B E040
5	12200 N Dysart Rd n/b D017	13000 N Dysart Rd s/b D025	10300 N El Mirage Rd S/B E040
6	12200 N Dysart Rd n/b D017	13000 N Dysart Rd s/b D025	10300 N El Mirage Rd S/B E040
7	12600 W Peoria e/b P002	12500 W Varney w/b V001	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
8	12900 N 129 Ave n/b X001	Acoma @ 129 Ave e/b A005	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
9	Acoma @ 124 Ave s/b A004	13300 N 127 Ave s/b X004	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
10	13700 N Dysart Rd s/b D020	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
11	12900 N Dysart Rd n/b D022	13200 Main St n/b M002	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
12	12900 N Dysart Rd n/b D022	13200 Main St n/b M002	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
13	12900 N Dysart Rd n/b D022	13200 Main St n/b M002	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
14	12700 W Canterbury n/b C002	11900 W Cactus Rd E/B C003	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
15	12900 N Dysart Rd n/b D023	Acoma @ 129 Ave w/b A006	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
16	Acoma @ 124 Ave n/b A003	13000 N Dysart Rd n/b D024	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
17	12200 N Dysart Rd n/b D017	127th Ave @ Sunnyside s/b X007	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
18	12600 W Peoria e/b P002	13700 W 127 Ave n/b X003	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
19	12600 W Peoria e/b P002	13700 W 127 Ave n/b X003	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
20	12600 W Peoria e/b P002	13700 W 127 Ave n/b X003	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
21	12900 N 129 Ave n/b X001	13000 N Dysart Rd s/b D025	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
22	Acoma @ 124 Ave s/b A004	12500 W Varney w/b V001	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
23	13700 N Dysart Rd s/b D020	Acoma @ 129 Ave e/b A005	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
24	12900 N Dysart Rd n/b D022	13300 N 127 Ave s/b X004	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
25	12700 W Canterbury n/b C002	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
26	12700 W Canterbury n/b C002	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
27	12700 W Canterbury n/b C002	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
28	12900 N Dysart Rd n/b D023	13200 Main St n/b M002	12100 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T008
29	Acoma @ 124 Ave n/b A003	11900 W Cactus Rd E/B C003	12100 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T008
30	12200 N Dysart Rd n/b D017	Acoma @ 129 Ave w/b A006 12100 W Thunderbird Rd w/b TC	
31	12600 W Peoria e/b P002	13000 N Dysart Rd n/b D024	12100 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T008

January 2016 Business Licenses

Туре	Business Name/Address	City	Zip	Phone
Contractor	Abes Original Sign & design	Phoenix	85013	602-234-2034
Reality	ATC Sequoia LLC	El Mirage	85335	781-926-4744
Contractor	Code of Value LLC	Surprise	85379	602-647-9471
Service	First Appraisal Services	Phoenix	85028	602-264-0011
Home Occup	FTS Design	El Mirage	85335	623-344-9077
Restaurant	Jacobo's LLC	El Mirage	85335	623-986-2168
Contractor	Precision Concrete Cutting	Tempe	85281	801-224-0025



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News from the El Mirage Fire Department

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El Mirage Boy Wins the Chance to be a Firefighter

The El Mirage Fire Department was privileged to meet Tyler Case. Tyler had a chance to become a "hero for the day" after winning one of five "Earn Your Spots" scholarships from The Hero In You Foundation, awarded to youth who have showcased the traits of a hero. Tyler will also receive \$500 from The Hero In You Foundation for his optimism and maturity while dealing with Type 1 diabetes.

Despite his young age, Tyler has never hesitated to learn more about his care management and is unashamed to educate others on childhood diabetes. Along with the certificate of appreciation, Tyler also received

The El Mirage Fire Department was privileged a large bag of goodies from the El Mirage Fire Department, the El Mirage Firefighter's Charities and The El Mirage Firefighter's Honor Guard unit.

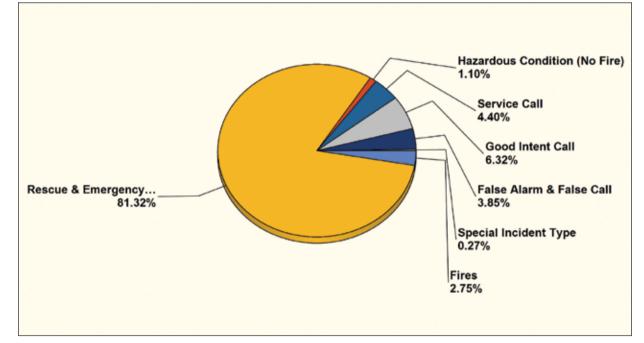
Tyler and his mom spent the morning with the Firefighters where he learned about the special fire equipment and watched demonstrations of the different aspects of the job. Tyler was even able to put on a real helmet and squirt water from a fire hose!

The Firefighters enjoyed spending time with Tyler and his mom and were grateful to be part of this wonderful experience.

Thank You Tyler!

City of El Mirage Fire Department Operations Report January 2016

Total Calls for Service = 365
Average Response Time for All Aid Types: 00:06:26



Community Involvement

- 1/16/2016: El Mirage Fire Department participated with the Hero & Youth Foundation.
- 1/23/2016: El Mirage held the Public Safety/Youth Day event. The event was a great success and was heavily attended.
- 1/27/2016: El Mirage Fire Department hosted the Head Start Station Tour located at Station 121 from 9:30am 11am for approximately 20 pre- k students.

Significant Incidents

- 1/02/2016: Crews responded to a reported motor vehicle incident involving a motorcycle
- 1/29/2016: Crews responded to a working fire on Greenway

Training Activities

• 420 total training hours, combined Fire and EMS

FIRE, BUILDING, AND LIFE SAFETY DIVISION REPORT (FBLS)

For Period Ending: January 2016

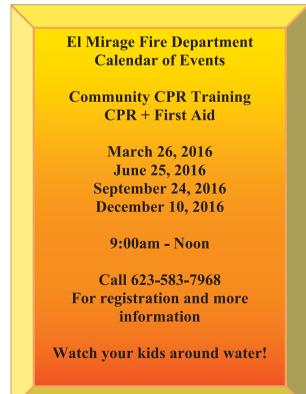
• No Community Uplift activity this month.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Information

For help on how to identify and properly dispose of hazardous material, visit www.cityofelmirage.org/recycling or contact the City's Public Works
Department at 623-935-6405.

Statistics for period of January 2016

- Permits issued 33
- Plan reviews 3 Commercial
 52 Residential
 1 Fire
- Inspections 292 at 182 stops (15 daily average)
- Annual Business Inspections 8
- Revenue from permits \$16,208





Tyler Case receiving his "Hero for the Day" certificate from El Mirage Firefighter Ed Cunningham

EMFD Community Connections

February 23, 2016

El Mirage Fire Department Station 121 will host community service events for the Riverview Elementary School Leadership Club. The club will earn community service hours learning about team building and becoming more familiar with the Fire Department's organization. Contact: Coach Mac at Riverside Elementary School for more details.

February 27, 2016

El Mirage Fire Department crews were on hand during the Magnificent Motors Car Show at Gentry Park. The Fire Department is always available for medical emergencies and makes every effort to education the public about fire and medically related services.

March 3, 2016

The El Mirage Fire Department will be reading Dr. Seuss at Surprise Elementary School in El Mirage. In recognition of National Read Across America Day and Read on Arizona — Greater Surprise Region; EL Mirage's Fire Department will be reading to the children at Surprise Elementary school from 1700-1900, EMFD will also have truck on display, stickers, and bookmarks. Additional reading events include:

March 4, 2016

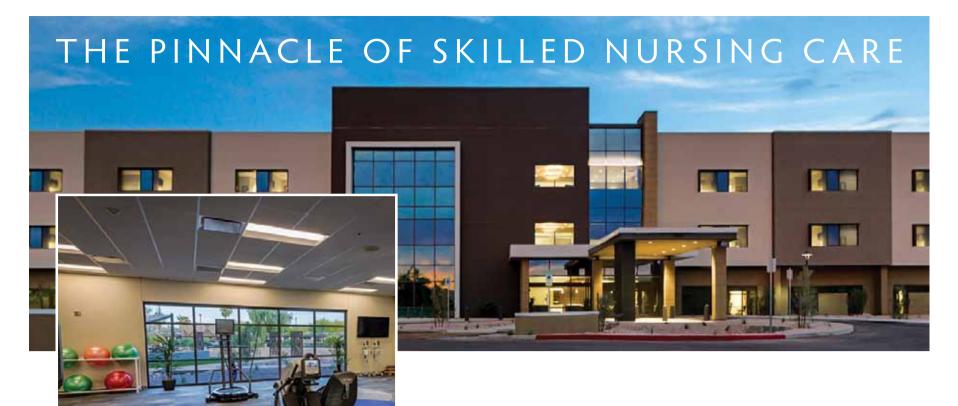
El Mirage firefighters will be at El Mirage Elementary School and participating with the Read Across America.

March 7, 2016

El Mirage firefighters will be at Thompson Ranch Elementary School to read to the kids during the Read Across America event.

March 19, 2016

El Mirage Fire Department will be on stand by during the Easter Eggstravaganza at Gentry Park. The Fire Department is always available for medical emergencies and makes every effort to education the public about fire and medically related services.



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Jr. Sun's Comp Basketba**ll** = \$90/FM, \$130/PM *(\$20 jersey)*

Rec Volleyball = \$65/FM, \$90/PM (\$15 jersey)

Comp Volleyball = \$90/FM, \$130/PM (\$15 jersey)

Itty Bitty Sports = \$40/FM, \$70/PM

Side Kicks Soccer = \$65/FM, \$95/PM

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March 14-18, 2016

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Daily - \$30/FM, \$40/PM

Ages 5vrs-12vrs

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MORE KID FUN... FOR EVERYONE!

We're adding more great programs for youth! Here is a quick glance of what is happening in March! Visit us for prices! Registration is open, limited spaces available!

ITTY BITTY TUMBLE! (Mon/Wed @ 12:30pm)

A fun, introductory class to gymnastics!

ITTY BITTY BALLET (Tue/Thu @ 12:30pm)

A great opportunity for exploration in dance, music, colors

STEM SLAM! (Sat mornings)

Get hands-on fun with science, tech, engineering and math KID POWER! (Tue/Thu @ 6:30pm)

Kids lead healthier lifestyles through physical activity! LEADERS' CLUB (2nd and 4th Tuesday @ 6:30pm)

A teen service club with a focus on physical fitness,

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stop working and oftentimes exacerbate unplanned shutdowns caused by water line breakages. Through it all, the contractor's crew has remained steadfast and has overcome each difficulty this project created. Road reconstruction will take place after the waterline project is finished.

ADOT is finalizing a design to reconfigure Thunderbird Road from El Frio Street to Grand Avenue. This project will advertise for bids in March and is anticipated to begin before Memorial Day.

Maricopa County is finishing the design for El Mirage Road from Northern Avenue to Gateway Park. Utility companies will soon begin relocating their lines in that area. Relocations are

expected to be completed by next summer.

March 2016

ADOT and the City of Surprise will begin the much anticipated Bell Road and Grand Ave/US 60 interchange project. This project will have a major impact on regional traffic flow. Further project information is available at: http://azdot. gov/bellandgrand, and http://www.surpriseaz.gov/ bellandgrand.

For more information, visit www.cityofelmirage. org/ConstructionUpdate or contact:

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8:00am - 11:00am

MENS STREET TACOS February 27, March 12 & 26, 2016

Shell Station (111th & Grand Ave.) 7:00pm - 11:00pm

MENS BREAKFAST March 5, 2016 8:00am - 11:00am

Eggs, Bacon, Potatoes, Toast & Drink **EASTER PLAY**

Sunday, March 27, 2016

12:00pm All families are welcome to attend

FRYBREAD SALE

March 19, 2016 11:00am - 3:00pm Shell Station (111th & Grand Ave.)

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March 26, 2016 11:00am - 3:00pm

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Economic Development Insights: Enhancement of Thunderbird Road

Tom Doyle, Economic **Development Specialist**

Most communities struggle to redevelop their downtown areas because there are so many other alternatives drawing customers and citizens away. This migration of people to other areas extends beyond city boundaries, called "Retail Leakage." This loss of sales tax revenue impacts the quality of life for El Mirage residents; minimizing new development opportunities. One way to combat this is



to create something "new or improved" and develop a

marketing strategy to attract investors to "jump in" while

the opportunities are hot. The Thunderbird Road

improvements in El Mirage will create a distinctive place which embodies a character, look, flavor, and heritage; creating a viable alternative to its competition. Public investment to include urban design elements like transit style lighting, buried utility lines, wide walkways with shade trees and park benches, bike lanes and parallel parking show investors that we are serious. Temporary construction and traffic delays are to be expected

for residents, but the final outcome will attract retailers and pedestrians alike both locally and regionally.

The beautification of Thunderbird Road is exciting and we will make it happen. Thunderbird Road can be a gathering place to dine at a local restaurant, shop, walk, and bike. Thunderbird Road will create a sense of place and pride attracting people from the region and tourists to see our unique historic downtown footprint. Let's get El Mirage Thunderbird Road on the minds of people as an exciting improved place with great development possibilities.

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Landscaping Tips

With temperatures on the rise and spring and summer right around the corner, Arizona vegetation is beginning to come out of its dormant winter state. Here are a few spring landscaping tips from the City Parks department to benefit you and your property.

Prune:

- 1. Prune damaged plants late February/early March.
- 2. Cut back plants like lantana, Bougainvillea, and dormant ornamental grasses.
- 3. Rake the beds thoroughly to remove any debris that has allotted over the winter. This material is great to add to a compost pile if you have one, otherwise dispose properly to help prevent the spread of any potential disease.

Irrigate:

- 1. Dormant Bermuda, water 20 minutes every two weeks if it does not rain, if it rains then adjust as needed.
- 2. Perennial Rye, water 10 -15 minutes per station, 2 to 3 times per week.

Fertilize:

- 1. Fertilize using a balanced fertilizer like 21-7-14 on your Rye grass, determine your size of lawn and follow instructions on bag.
- 2. As the temperature rises and your Bermuda grass starts to turn green increase water to 10 or 15 minutes 2 times a week and fertilize with 21-0-0, determine your size of lawn and follow instructions on bag.

Weed Control

- 1. Spray weeds in granite areas with a systemic herbicide like Roundup. (Roundup will kill any plant that is sprayed so do not apply on grass or desired plants)
- 2. Systemic herbicides kill the plant from the inside, so it might take a week or so to see results.

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3. Weeds in turf can be sprayed with a broad leaf weed killer; do not spray trees or shrubs with this product.



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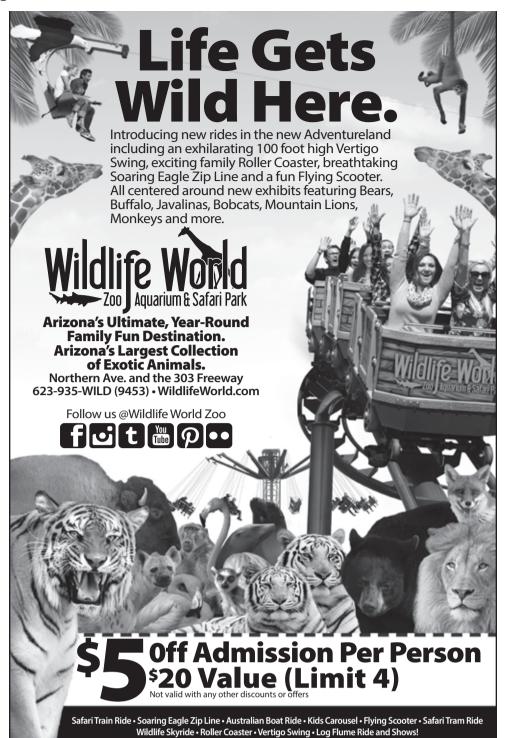
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In August of 2015, the El Mirage City Council approved the new Streets Beatification Program, which was designed to control litter and other miscellaneous debris on City streets, right-ofways, and alleyways. The program started in fall 2015.

The Street Beautification Specialist patrols City streets on a set schedule, with special attention to high traffic areas where litter and debris accumulate most. The Specialist averages one trailer load per day, or roughly 1,500 pounds of trash/litter. During the first quarter of operation, the program picked up over 42 tons of trash/litter and it is estimated that the program will pick up 156 tons of trash/litter in the first year;

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this equates to the weight of approximately 70 cars or 10 F-35's!

The success of the new program can be seen throughout the City. City right-of-ways, streets, and alleyways are cleaner and the program has received positive reviews from residents since it was implemented. This program is another example of the focus on residents' quality of life by the El Mirage City Council and Administration.

In order to continue the success of the program and keep El Mirage clean, the City needs participation from residents as well. Please keep your eyes open for trash/litter and participate in the cleanup - together we can keep El Mirage looking great!



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12802 W Via Camille	150,000	1/19	1,518
11505 W Bloomfield Rd	112,000	1/19	1,068
12808 W Mandalay Ln	145,000	1/15	1,534
12314 N 128th Ave	164,900	1/14	1,901
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12935 W Surrey Ave	172,000	1/13	1,872
11602 W Wethersfield Rd	112,000	1/12	1,572
12305 W Columbine Dr	125,500	1/12	1,106
13029 W Mauna Loa Ln	133,300	1/11	1,949
12435 W Via Camille	140,000	1/8	1,534
12038 N 130 th Ln	155,000	1/8	1,853
13105 N Cesar Chavez Dr	140,000	1/8	1,385
12217 N 129 th Dr	146,000	1/6	1,243
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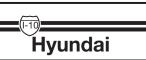
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Spring Craft Afternoon – March 7 (Monday) 1:30 pm. Ages 5 - 12. Stop in to make a fun St. Patrick's Day-themed craft. All supplies provided.

Teen Tech Week – March 6th – 12th. Special teen tech program to be announced. See the online events calendar for date and time of the event. March of the Stuffed Animals Storytime – Ages 2 - 5 with parent or caregiver. Wear your PJs and bring your favorite stuffed friend to a special Maththemed storytime for preschoolers, courtesy of Bedtime Math. See online calendar for date and time.

Adult

Exercise Your Mind. READ! 2016 Adult Winter Reading Program – Ages 18 and up. Program runs from January 1st to April 1st 2016. More information available at https://winter.mcldaz.org or at the customer service desk.

Morning Book Club – March 4 (Friday) 10:30-11:30 am. The title for March is: The Girl You Left Behind by JoJo Moyes. The title for April will be Ordinary Grace by William Krueger. Copies are available at the El Mirage Library customer service desk. See the online calendar for book summaries: http://mcldaz.org/events/elmirage

Adult

Written in Thread: Arizona Women's History preserved in their Quilts – March 9 (Wednesday) 10:00-11:00am. Guest speaker Pam Knight Stevenson. This Arizona Humanities program traces the history of Arizona through women who recorded pieces of their lives in their needlework. The colorful patterns of women's quilts added a spot of brightness to their homes and their lives. They also celebrated and recorded special events with their quilts. Beginning with Mexican women of the 1860s, through Hopi women of the 1990s, this lecture introduces some of the women who pioneered Arizona through the quilts they stitched. The program will be in the El Mirage Senior Center.

Exercise Your Mind. READ 2016: Hassle-free coloring for Adults – March 12 (Saturday) 10:30-11:30am. Exercising your mind is fun and part of the Winter Reading program for adults! Adults of all ages who feel stressed are quieting their minds and souls by putting away the smart phones and tablets and picking up pencils, markers and crayons to color beautiful designs! All supplies are provided; however feel free to bring your own. Program will be in the library. Seating is very limited. First come, first served.

Blood Pressure Checks – March 17 (Thursday) 10:00-11:00 a.m. Roxanne Butler from Hospice Promise will be available every third Thursday of the month to take blood pressure readings. The program is held at the El Mirage Senior Center.

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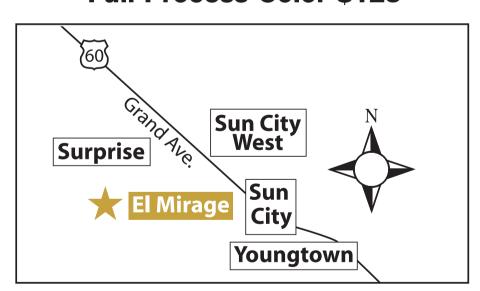
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